



**Montana Fish,
Wildlife & Parks**

Region 2 Headquarters
3201 Spurgin Road
Missoula, MT 59804-3101
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Dear Interested Parties:

Enclosed you will find for your review the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for a Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (MFWP) proposal to acquire three parcels of land totaling approximately 465 acres to develop a State Park at the current Milltown Reservoir Sediments Superfund Site at the confluence of the Clark Fork and Blackfoot Rivers in Missoula County. FWP would accept the transfer of two parcels currently owned by the State of Montana (one each from the Natural Resource Damage Program and Dept. of Environmental Quality) and accept the donation of a third parcel from Five Valleys Land Trust.

This EA may be obtained by mail from Region 2 FWP, 3201 Spurgin Rd., Missoula 59804; by phoning 406-542-5500; by emailing fwprg22@mt.gov; or by viewing FWP's Internet website <http://fwp.mt.gov> ("Submit Public Comments," then "State Parks," then "Acquisitions," beginning June 24).

Comments on the EA should be directed by: Mail to FWP at the address above; phone to 406-542-5533; or email to MilltownPark@mt.gov. Comments must be received by FWP no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 25, 2011. If you have questions about the proposal, please contact the Milltown State Park Manager, Michael Kustudia at 406-542-5533.

As part of the decision making process under MEPA, I expect to issue the Decision Notice for this EA very soon after the end of the comment period. The Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission has the final decision-making authority for FWP land acquisition proposals, and the Commission will be asked to render its decision on this proposal at its August 11 meeting in Helena. Approval will also be necessary from the Montana Board of Land Commissioners, and is expected to be at its August 15 meeting.

Sincerely,

Lee Bastian
Regional Parks Manager

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Enclosure: Draft EA for Proposed Land Acquisition--Milltown State Park Parcels